

Appendix A: Installation

The *AIDS Public Information Data Set*, December 1997 edition, has been rewritten to be fully Windows compatible. While much of the original program design remains unchanged, many features have been added, cursor and mouse controls have been enhanced, and the installation procedure has been changed to reflect Windows conventions. Changes to the software are summarized on page 3 of this manual, and are more fully described in the on-line help screens. The software uses about 45 megabytes of disk storage (about 60 megabytes if you build an index file for each variable). It has been tested on a 486/66 megahertz microprocessor, and runs adequately on it. As with previous releases, the software allows you to display simple statistics without additional software such as SAS, SPSS, BMDP, or PRODAS. More complex analyses, however, require statistical software.

To transfer the data to another software package for analysis, you may wish to request this data set in ASCII form (see page 4 for contact information). You may also load the software and use the export option (under *File*) to extract the records and variables you wish to analyze. The export option will create an ASCII data file, which can then be processed by other software.

Loading the Software

The *AIDS Public Information Data Set* is available on 8 diskettes, or can be downloaded from CDC's World Wide Web. Installation instructions vary, depending on the medium you are using.

Creating the installation directories

For users with high-speed, reliable Internet connections, download one large file (over 11 megabytes) and use it to create a directory from which to install the software:

1. Create a new, installation directory. It may be on a network drive.
2. Download the file *pidsinst.exe* file from the CDC – Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention web site. When prompted, select "Save the program to disk" and save it in the installation directory created in step 1.
3. After the download is complete, run the *pidsinst.exe* program:
 - a. From Windows 95, 98, or NT, click on *Start*, then *Run*. Use the *Browse* button to locate the installation directory created in step 1 and select the *pidsinst.exe* file. Click *Open* to select it, then click on the *OK* button.
 - b. From Windows 3.x, under *Program Manager*, click on *File*, then *Run*. Use *Browse* to

locate the installation folder created in step 1 and select *pidsinst.exe*. Click *OK* to run the program.

The program will create 8 sub-directories named *disk1* through *disk8* with installation files in each directory. Please keep the original *pidsinst.exe* file until you install the software and are sure it is working.

For users with typical dial-up Internet connections, download eight files, each about 1 megabyte, and use them to create an installation directory:

1. Create a new, installation directory. It may be on a network drive.
2. Download the 8 *pidsdsk#* files (*pidsdsk1* through *pidsdsk8*). When prompted, select “Save the program to disk” and save each one in the installation directory created in step 1.
3. After the download is complete, run the *pidsdsk#.exe* programs:
 - a. From Windows 95, 98, or NT, click on *Start*, then *Run*. Use the *Browse* button to locate the installation directory created in step 1 and select the desired *pidsdsk#.exe* file. Click *Open* to select it, then click on the *OK* button. Repeat this for each of the 8 *pidsdsk#.exe* files.
 - b. From Windows 3.x, under *Program Manager*, click on *File*, then *Run*. Use *Browse* to locate the installation folder created in step 1 and select desired *pidsdsk#.exe* file. Click the *OK* button to run the program. Repeat this for each of the 8 *pidsdsk#.exe* files.

Each program will create a sub-directory named *disk1* through *disk8* with installation files in each directory. Please keep the original *pidsdsk#.exe* files until you install the software and are sure it is working.

Installing the software

1. Locate the installation directory created earlier and select the *disk1* subdirectory.
2. Run the *setup.exe* program.
3. When prompted, accept or change the application directory. *C:\aidspids* is the default.
4. When prompted, accept or change the *Program Manager Group*. If you are running Windows 95, 98, or NT, this will set up a *Start Menu* group.

5. The installation program will then unpack and install the files in the selected directory.
6. The first time you run the software, it will ask if you are sharing it across a network, then set up user preference files accordingly. If you shared previous versions, use the same directory for personal preference files. The program will update them as needed. Finally, the program will create four required indexes.

If you don't need to install additional copies of the software, you may delete the files and directories.

Installing the software from diskettes

1. Insert the disk labeled "AIDS Public Information Data Set - Disk 1" into the diskette drive.
2. Using *Run* from the *Start* menu in Windows 95, 98 or NT, or from the *File* menu of the *Program Manager* in Windows 3.x, run the *setup.exe* program located on disk 1.
3. When prompted, accept or change the application directory. *C:\aidspids* is the default.
4. When prompted, accept or change the *Program Manager Group*. If you are running Windows 95, 98, or NT, this will set up a *Start Menu* group.
5. The installation program will then unpack and install the files in the selected directory. Insert diskettes 2 through 8 when prompted.
6. The first time you run the software, it will ask if you are sharing it across a network, then set up user preference files accordingly. If you shared previous versions, use the same directory for personal preference files. The program will update them as needed. Finally, the program will create four required indexes.

If you have installed previous versions of this data set, the current data will replace all previous data.

Creating a set of installation diskettes

The installation files may be copied or moved from the installation directory to diskettes to be used on other computers by labeling 8 diskettes "AIDS Public Information Data Set 1997" and copying the contents of each of each installation sub-directory, *disk 1* through *disk 8*, to the appropriate diskette.

Getting Help

The *AIDS Public Information Data Set* uses standard Windows interfaces, and can be mastered with minimum effort. On-line help screens describe how to use the program to display information. You can access help by pressing the <F1> key, by clicking the right (secondary) mouse button, or by selecting the *Help* menu. The information displayed will vary depending upon the last option you accessed. If you need additional information, contact the Statistics and Data Management Branch, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, telephone (404) 639-2020.

Displaying the Menus

Once you complete the installation procedure and run the program, you will see a screen with four options displayed on the upper-left corner: *File*, *Tools*, *Window*, and *Help*. Select *File* to display data from either the main data file or from the state, MSA, or county tables. A second screen will display so that you may select the variables you wish to tabulate. Select *Tools* to create indexes or set various options that control the display of data. Select *Window* to scroll through the tables you have created. Select *Help* to see further information on how to use this program.

Cursor Control

Cursor control uses a standard Windows interface. Select variables by double-clicking the left (primary) mouse button or the *Enter* key. An asterisk will display next to the fields you have selected. Menus and other options can also be selected by pressing the <Alt> key and typing the highlighted letter of that option.